

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01727-RDM**

O'DONNELL v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/24/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff****CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/24/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 4616093784) filed by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(ztd) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/24/2018		SUMMONS (3) Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (ztd) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/25/2018	<u>2</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/25/18. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>3</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 7/24/2018. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General; Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/24/2018. RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney; Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/24/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/23/2018.) (tth); Modified on 8/16/2018 (tth). (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>4</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING re <u>1</u> Complaint by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. (tth) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/16/2018		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>3</u> Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant, Summons Returned Executed as to U.S. Attorney General, Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney, was entered in error and will be refiled. (tth) (Entered: 08/16/2018)

08/20/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marsha Wellknown Yee on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service)(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/20/2018	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Service)(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time <u>6</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall file its response to Plaintiff's complaint on or before September 20, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/20/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file its response to Plaintiff's complaint on or before 9/20/2018. (kt) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/27/2018		SUMMONS (1) REISSUED as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (zmd) (Entered: 08/27/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>7</u>	AFFIDAVIT by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL re Summons and Complaint. (ztl) (Entered: 09/11/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service)(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/21/2018	<u>9</u>	AFFIDAVIT FOR DEFAULT by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. (ztd) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on October 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/25/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 10/25/2018, at 10:00 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/27/2018	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE re <u>8</u> Answer to Complaint filed by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. (ztd) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE to the Court by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL (ztd) Modified on 10/26/2018 (jf). (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/25/2018		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Initial Scheduling Conference held on 10/25/2018. Defendant shall complete production of documents on or before 1/2/2019; The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before 1/16/2019. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook.) (kt) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/29/2018	<u>12</u>	SURREPLY filed by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. "LET IT BE FILED" signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/29/18 (ztd) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Complete Defendant's Processing</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Eric F. Stein, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Certificate of Service)(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's unopposed motion for extension of time <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall complete its processing of documents on or before March 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/21/2018. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall complete its processing of documents on or before 3/4/2019. (kt) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/11/2019	<u>14</u>	MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/11/2019)

01/11/2019	<u>15</u>	Civil Statement from Plaintiff re: defendant's interim response. (ztd) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the government's motion for a stay <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. This case shall be STAYED until Congress appropriates funding for the Department of Justice to resume work. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall submit their joint status report within fourteen (14) days of Congress appropriating such funding. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/14/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/18/2019	<u>16</u>	Civil Statement from Plaintiff Christopher D. O'Donnell "Leave to file GRANTED" signed 1/18/19 by Judge Randolph D. Moss. (ztd) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the restoration of funding, this case is hereby UNSTAYED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before February 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/31/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/8/2019. (kt) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/10/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 02/10/2019)
02/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/30/2019. (kt) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
04/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the fact that the parties conferred in advance of the October 25, 2018 status conference, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to confer with Defendant <u>11</u> , is hereby DENIED as moot. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/19/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 04/19/2019)
04/30/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/2/2019. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/4/2019. (kt) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>19</u>	RESPONSE filed by CHRISTOPHER D. O'DONNELL. (ztd); ("Leave to file Granted" signed 5/3/19 by Judge Randolph D. Moss) (Entered: 05/10/2019)